

**Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes**  
**9:30 AM – Senior Center**  
**April 11, 2011**

Present: K. Grunwald (staff), Stephanie Fry (student), T. Rogers, C. Dainton (staff), Bev Korba (guest), J. Scottron, J. Quarto (Vice-Chair), J. Terry, W. Bigl, Chuck Boster (guest), B. Lavoie (staff), D. Nolan, E. Poirier, J. Adamcik, M. Thatcher, S. Gordon, A. Holinko

Regrets: C. Pellegrine,

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair J. Quarto called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. J. Terry introduced guests from Glen Ridge.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes:** A. Holinko noted that the actual name of the agency that she reviewed is Community Companion and Homemaking Service The minutes of the **March 14, 2011** meeting were accepted with that correction...
- IV. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff: K. Grunwald distributed copies of an agenda from the Wethersfield Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee on "Being a Smart, Safe, Consumer."
- V. **New Business**
  - A. Report of the Nominating Committee: J. Quarto reported that the Committee on Committees approved members previously recommended, along with two new members for September. There is still one opening on the Commission.
  - B. "Other": none.
- VI. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations
  - A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – B. Lavoie reported that residents are having difficulty finding doctors who are willing to accept new Medicare patients. She also said that some residents who are participating in the Rental Assistance Program for low income individuals may be losing this subsidy. J. Quarto added that Medicare reimbursement rates for doctors may be reduced at the end of this year.
  - B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – C. Dainton distributed copies of her monthly report. She added that staff are looking at the possibility of cancelling three classes that have low attendance that cannot support the cost of the instructors. A decision will be made by the end of the month. She also announced that she is submitting a proposal to attempt to attract more seniors to the Senior Center by adjusting the Center's

hours for the summer; staying open 8:30-7:30 on Thursday and 8:30 to 1 on Friday. This would impact three classes that take place on Friday afternoon, and these would need to be changed. The new schedule would start on June 23 and continue through September 1. This is a trial schedule that would be evaluated at the end of the summer.

Senior Center Assoc. –T. Rogers reported that the nominating committee has finished their work, nominating Marilyn Gerling as the next president. The annual banquet will be held June 15, hopefully at the Buchanan Center, catered by the Mansfield General Store. The Volunteer Appreciation lunch is April 20; please sign up, the count has to be submitted today.

**C. Housing**

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: K. Grunwald reported that Masonicare will be doing a presentation at the Town Council meeting on 4/25;  
Wrights Way (J. Adamcik): no report;  
Juniper Hill (B. Savage): no report;  
Jensen's Park (E. Poirier): no report;  
Glen Ridge (J. Scottron): no report; J. Terry announced that B. Lavoie did a nice presentation there last month;  
Other: none.

**D. Related Town and Regional Organizations such as:**

Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no reports.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Long-Range Plan: Follow-Up: K. Grunwald suggested keeping the Action Plan on the agenda as a standing agenda item to review the status of the plan.
- B. Triad: W. Bigl has spoken with First Baptist Church to introduce the Yellow Dot program; there is a meeting scheduled for next week to look at developing a "Drug Take-Back Program." J. Quarto asked members to review the agenda for the Consumer Safety program in Wethersfield. W. Bigl stated that he would be interested in seeing TRIAD work with the COA on this. A. Holinko questioned how many people might be willing to show up, and others questioned whether or not this may be too much information for a single event; presentations are only scheduled for 15 minutes. What if this were scheduled for the speakers to come in individually? J. Quarto asked that this be placed on the agenda for further discussion next month; W. Bigl will discuss it with TRIAD members.

**VIII. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission:** B. Korba stated that she would not be interested in hearing politicians speak at an event. T. Rogers encouraged the Commission members to read his column in the May issue of Sparks.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM. Next meeting: **Monday, May 9, 2011** at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald